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Initiative to Repeal Environmental Laws Enters Circulation

Repeals Environmental Protection Laws and Establishes New Inalienable Rights. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced that the proponent of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for his measure.

The Attorney General prepares the legal title and summary that is required to appear on initiative petitions. When the official language is complete, the Attorney General forwards it to the proponent and to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State then provides calendar deadlines to the proponent and to county elections officials, and the initiative may be circulated for signatures. The Attorney General's official title and summary for the measure is as follows:

REPEALS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAWS AND ESTABLISHES NEW INALIENABLE RIGHTS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Repeals the California Environmental Quality Act, the California Coastal Act, the California Endangered Species Act, and the California Global Warming Solutions Act. Establishes new inalienable rights to produce, use, and consume air, carbon dioxide, water, habitat for humanity and energy generating natural resources. Grants the people of California the right to nullify all federal powers not delegated to the United States by the federal constitution. Fiscal impact: **It is the opinion of the Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance that the measure likely would result in a substantial net change in state or local finances if adopted.** (10-0016.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1469 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 10-0016.

The proponent for this measure, Oscar A. Braun, must collect signatures of 694,354 registered voters – the number equal to eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2006 gubernatorial election – in order to qualify it for the ballot. The proponent has 150 days to circulate petitions for this measure, meaning the signatures must be collected by October 12, 2010.

The initiative proponent can be reached at (650) 867-5779.

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